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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 17, 2015  
TIME: 2:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 325  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

SB 286, SD2  
(SSCR711)  
Status

RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL. JUD, FIN  
Establishes the office of the state inspector general, to be headed by the state inspector general to investigate complaints alleging fraud, waste, abuse, or corruption by a state agency or quasi-public agency, or by the officers or employees of a state agency or quasi-public agency. Makes an appropriation. Effective 1/7/2059. (SD2)

SB 140  
(SSCR632)  
Status

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT RECORDS. JUD, FIN  
Requires agencies to exercise reasonable care in the maintenance of all government records under its control that are required to be made available for public inspection.

SB 143, SD1  
(SSCR533)  
Status

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO CHANGE THE THRESHOLD VALUE IN CONTROVERSY REQUIREMENT FOR JURY TRIALS IN CIVIL CASES AT COMMON LAW FROM \$5,000 TO \$10,000. JUD, FIN  
Proposes an amendment to article I, section 13, of the Hawaii Constitution to increase the threshold value in controversy requirement for jury trials in civil cases at common law from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Effective 01/07/2059. (SD1)

SB 144, SD1  
(SSCR840)  
Status

RELATING TO JURY TRIAL. JUD, FIN  
Increases the threshold value in controversy requirement for jury trials in civil cases at common law from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Effective 01/07/2059. (SD1)

SB 230  
(SSCR718)  
Status

RELATING TO RESTITUTION FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME. JUD, FIN  
Clarifies that reimbursement to crime victims includes lost wages and mental health treatment, counseling, and therapy.



SB 287, SD2  
(SSCR706)  
Status

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

JUD, FIN

Requires the office of elections to implement elections by mail in a county with a population of less than 100,000, beginning with the 2016 primary election; and in each county with a population of less than 500,000, beginning with the 2018 primary election. Beginning in 2020, requires all federal, state, and county primary, special primary, general, special general, and special elections to be conducted by mail. Provides places of deposit for personal delivery of mail-in ballots and ensures a limited number of voter service centers in each county to remain open on the day of election to allow voters with special needs to vote and receive personal delivery of absentee, permanent absentee, and mail-in ballots. Makes conforming amendments. Requires annual reports on implementation. Appropriates funds for the implementation and administration of the election by mail program. (SD2)

SB 452, SD1  
(SSCR539)  
Status

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN SPENDING.

JUD, FIN

Requires that supplemental campaign spending reports be filed annually on January 31. Effective 01/07/2059. (SD1)

SB 508, SD1  
(SSCR606)  
Status

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

JUD, FIN

Requires noncandidate committee preliminary reports to be filed on October 1 of a general election year in addition to ten days prior to the general election. Effective 01/07/2059. (SD1)

SB 654, SD1  
(SSCR604)  
Status

RELATING TO CAMPAIGNS.

JUD, FIN

Amends provisions related to anonymous contributions to change the threshold at which the provisions shall not apply from amounts that aggregate to less than \$500 that are received from ten or more persons at the same political function, to less than \$100 received from ten or more persons at the same political function. Effective 01/07/2059. (SD1)

SB 657, SD1  
(SSCR640)  
Status

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

JUD, FIN

Requires legislators to file a supplemental report within thirty days of the conclusion of a special session of the full legislature if the next regularly scheduled report is due more than ninety calendar days after conclusion of that special session. Effective 01/07/2059. (SD1)

SB 779  
(SSCR610)  
Status

RELATING TO COURTS.

JUD, FIN

Raises the district courts' jurisdictional limit for civil actions involving specific performance.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

Persons wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least 24 hours prior to the hearing. Testimony should indicate:

- Testifier's name with position/title and organization;
- The Committee(s) to which the comments are directed;
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While every effort will be made to incorporate all testimony received, materials received on the day of the hearing or improperly identified or directed, may be distributed to the Committee after the hearing.



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